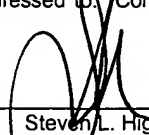




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**PATENT**

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Examiner: Joanne Hama

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED DECEMBER 8, 2004 AND  
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Commissioner:

This paper is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement dated December 8, 2004 for which the date for response is January 8, 2005.

A request for a one-month extension of time to respond is included herewith along with the required fee. This one-month extension will bring the due date to February 8, 2005, which is within the six-month statutory period. Should such request or fee be deficient or absent, consider

this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Account No.: 50-1212/PART:005US/SLH.

In response to the restriction requirement which the Examiner imposed, Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute claims 50-56, *i.e.*, the Group III claims.

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of one month to and including February 8, 2005, in which to respond to the Office Action dated December 8, 2004.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, a check in the amount of \$60.00 is enclosed, which is the process fee for a one-month extension of time for a small entity.

If the check is inadvertently omitted, or should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, or should an overpayment be included herein, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct or credit said fees from or to Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Account No. 50-1212/PART:005US/SLH.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (512) 536-3184 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

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